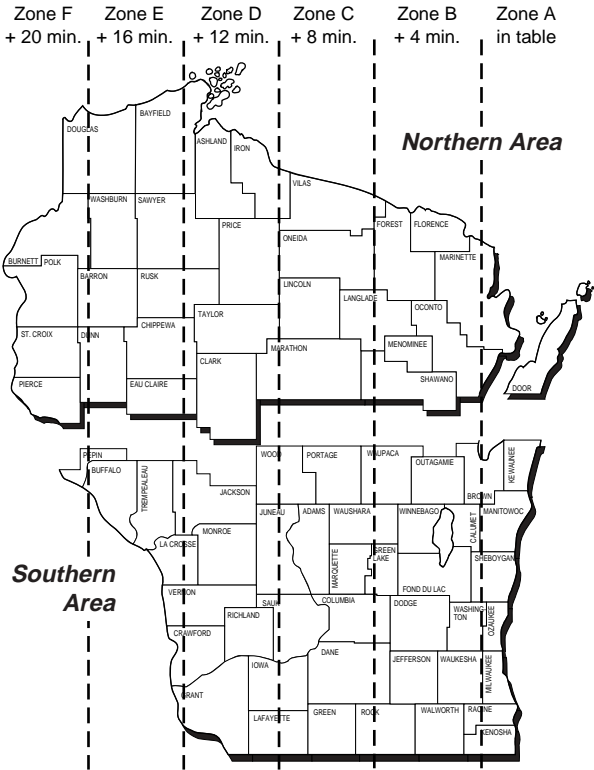


Hunting Time Zones



Other Restrictions

- You may **not** hunt turkeys:
  - By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun fired from the shoulder, or a bow and arrow.
  - With crossbows, which are not legal to use except by the following:
    - Resident or non-resident disabled hunters issued a Crossbow permit or a Class A, Class B Crossbow or Class C permit that authorizes hunting with a crossbow.
    - Resident hunters 65 years of age or older.

**Note:** When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a working safety, and use at least 14 inch long bolts or arrows equipped with broadheads.

  - While in possession of shotshells loaded with shot larger than no. 4 lead, no. 2 steel, or other no. 4 non-steel shot; duplex loads containing any shot larger than no. 4 lead or no. 2 steel are also **NOT** legal.
  - With the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
  - With the aid of dogs.
  - With live decoys for the purposes of enticing turkeys.

Hunting Hours

- Fall turkey hunting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset each day. Wisconsin’s hunting time zones are on the map to the left.
- To determine the opening (A.M.) time for all zones except “A”, add the minutes shown (see map) to the Zone A time listed in either the Northern or Southern Area Hunting Table.

	Northern Area Hunting Hours		Southern Area Hunting Hours	
Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Oct. 1	6:19	6:50	6:19	6:52
Oct. 2	6:20	6:48	6:20	6:50
Oct. 3	6:21	6:46	6:21	6:48
Oct. 4	6:22	6:44	6:22	6:46
Oct. 5	6:24	6:42	6:23	6:44
Oct. 6	6:25	6:40	6:25	6:43
Oct. 7	6:26	6:39	6:26	6:41
Oct. 8	6:28	6:37	6:27	6:39
Oct. 9	6:29	6:35	6:28	6:37
Oct. 10	6:30	6:33	6:29	6:36
Oct. 11	6:32	6:31	6:31	6:34
Oct. 12	6:33	6:29	6:32	6:32
Oct. 13	6:34	6:28	6:33	6:30
Oct. 14	6:36	6:26	6:34	6:29
Oct. 15	6:37	6:24	6:35	6:27
Oct. 16	6:38	6:22	6:37	6:25
Oct. 17	6:40	6:21	6:38	6:24
Oct. 18	6:41	6:19	6:39	6:22
Oct. 19	6:42	6:17	6:40	6:21
Oct. 20	6:44	6:15	6:42	6:19
Oct. 21	6:45	6:14	6:43	6:17
Oct. 22	6:46	6:12	6:44	6:16
Oct. 23	6:48	6:10	6:45	6:14
Oct. 24	6:49	6:09	6:47	6:13
Oct. 25	6:50	6:07	6:48	6:11
Oct. 26	6:52	6:06	6:49	6:10
Oct. 27	6:53	6:04	6:51	6:08
Oct. 28	6:55	6:02	6:52	6:07
Oct. 29	6:56	6:01	6:53	6:05
Oct. 30	5:57	4:59	5:55	5:04
Oct. 31	5:59	4:58	5:56	5:03
Nov. 1	6:00	4:57	5:57	5:01
Nov. 2	6:02	4:55	5:58	5:00
Nov. 3	6:03	4:54	6:00	4:59
Nov. 4	6:05	4:52	6:01	4:57
Nov. 5	6:06	4:51	6:02	4:56
Nov. 6	6:07	4:50	6:04	4:55
Nov. 7	6:09	4:48	6:05	4:54
Nov. 8	6:10	4:47	6:06	4:53
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## Ask First and Say Thanks!

- The majority of land within Wisconsin's turkey management zones is privately owned. Wisconsin landowners appreciate those people who ask permission to hunt and say thanks afterward. This builds important landowner-hunter trust. Remember, entering private lands without permission is illegal and creates a negative image for all hunters.
- All hunters are encouraged to scout their hunting territory well in advance of the season. Pre-season scouting correlates strongly with success in bagging turkeys.

## Hunter Selection System

- **Deadlines:** The application deadlines are **August 1** for the 2005 Fall, and **December 10** for the 2006 Spring hunting seasons. A \$3.00 application fee is required. Conservation Patron License holders are exempt from the \$3.00 fee.
- **Landowner Preference:** Resident landowners owning 50 or more contiguous acres within an open wild turkey management zone are eligible for preference in that zone. They may also transfer their preference status to an immediate family member or resident farm operator (as defined on the application) for that particular zone.
- **Non-resident landowners** owning 50 or more contiguous acres in Wisconsin, within an open wild turkey management zone, are eligible for preference above non-residents not owning land.
- **Cumulative Preference** is used for spring and fall turkey hunting permits. Spring and fall applications are tracked separately.
- **Fort McCoy Reservation:** Applications may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to : Directorate of Training, Mobilization and Security, AFRC-FM-TMR-RB (Permit Sales), 110 East Headquarters Road, Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5226. Applications may also be obtained from the web site at **www.mccoy.army.mil**. Applications are available at the end of February. Information: 608-388-3337. *Note: You may not apply for a Fort McCoy Fall turkey permit if you plan to or have already applied for a Fall turkey permit in a State of Wisconsin turkey hunting zone. This policy is different from the one that applies to Spring hunting.*

## License/Stamp/Carcass Tag Requirements

- To hunt turkeys with a firearm or bow, successful applicants (notified by a postcard that indicates the zone for which their permit is valid) must purchase a 2005 Fall Turkey license/stamp/carcass tag combination and carry it with them while hunting.
- Current fees (subject to change): resident license \$13.00; non-resident license \$60.00. A \$5.25 stamp privilege fee is automatically added unless the customer purchased a 2005 *Spring* Turkey license/stamp/carcass tag. You may receive the actual stamp at a DNR Service Center for no additional charge.
- **Exceptions:** Conservation Patron holders will receive their tag in the mail. Successful applicants, who purchased a Senior Citizen Recreation Card prior to January 1, 1992, may obtain their tag for free at any license agent. They are required to carry their Recreation Card while hunting.
- Both residents and non-residents can purchase their license/stamp/carcass tag at any DNR Service Center, License Agent, by calling 1-877-945-4236, or online at *dnr.wi.gov*.
- Turkey registration stubs will be available at the registration station. They are not part of the license.
- It is illegal to transfer a license/stamp/carcass tag to another hunter or allow its use by anyone else.

## Bag Limit

- The bag limit is one turkey of any age or sex per Carcass Tag. If you receive 2 tags for the same zone, you may shoot 2 turkeys on the same day in the designated zone(s). Note: Turkeys with white plumage may be harvested and must be tagged in accordance with proper tagging procedures.

## Wild Turkey Management Zones

- You may only hunt in the zone specified on your turkey hunting permit and carcass tag. All established turkey zones, except state park zones, are shown on the back of this pamphlet. All state parks, **except** Mill Bluff State Park, are closed to Fall turkey hunters. Buckhorn State Park and Wildlife Management Area A are **closed** to Fall turkey hunting.

## Assisting Other Hunters

- No license is required to call turkeys for another hunter if the caller does not possess a firearm or bow.
- A guide license is required if the hunting assistant charges a fee.
- You may not shoot or attempt to shoot a turkey for another hunter.

# Fall 2005 Wild Turkey Management Zones

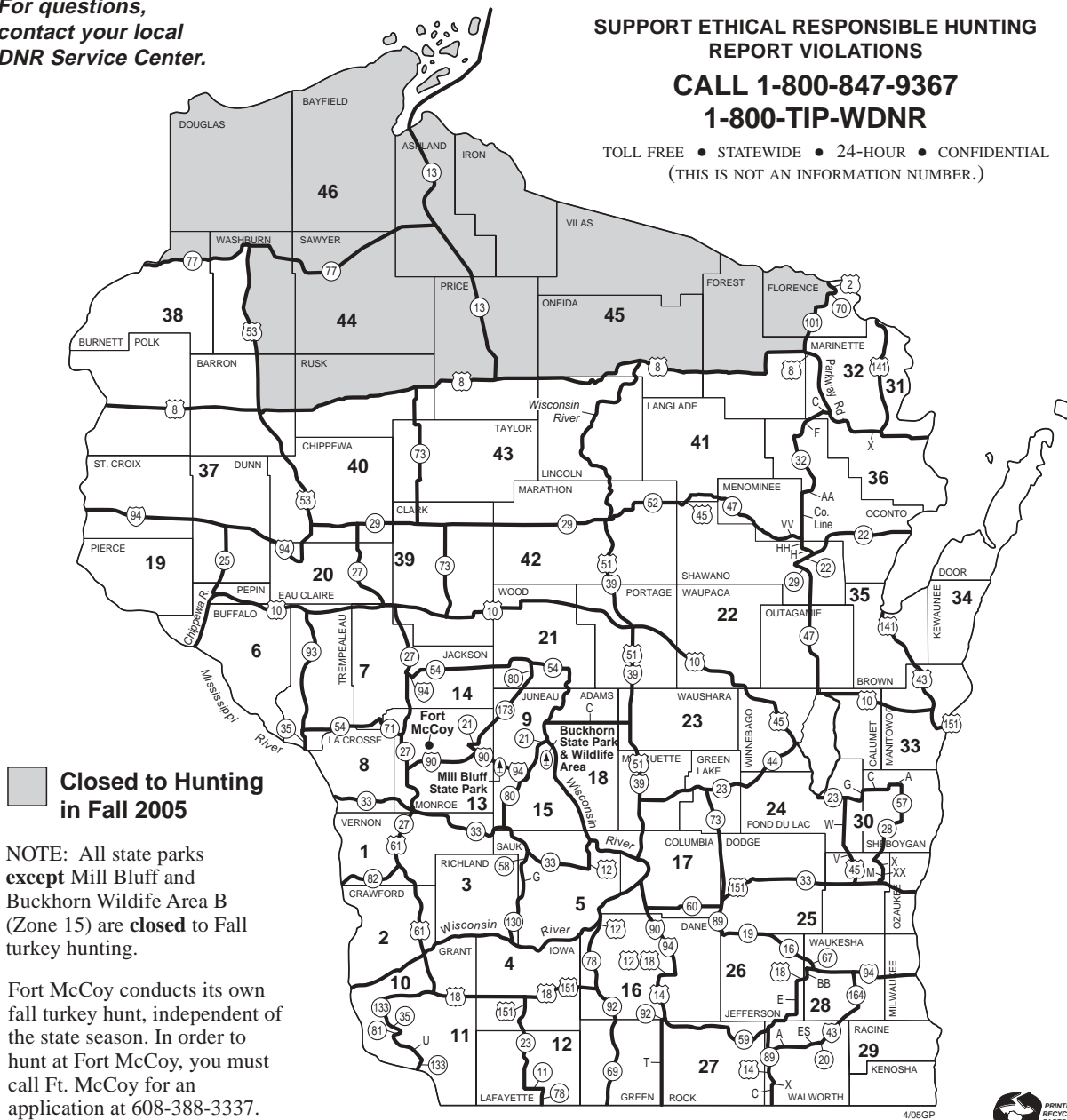
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## Baiting

- No person shall hunt by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the complete removal of the bait.

## Tagging, Transport and Possession

- Upon killing a turkey, immediately validate the carcass tag by cutting the slit corresponding to the month and day of kill; then attach the tag to the featherless part of the turkey's leg with a string or other tie.
- You may not carry by hand, possess or transport a turkey unless you have lawfully killed and tagged the turkey.

## Registration

- Bring your tagged turkey (registration stubs will be available at the registration station) to a designated registration station no later than 5:00 P.M. the day after it is killed. A metal registration tag will be attached to lawfully taken turkeys; keep this tag until the meat has been eaten. For a list of registration stations call your local DNR Service Center or visit the DNR website [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov).

## Reduce Crippling Losses

- Pattern your gun to know at what distances you have an effective pattern (at least 6 pellets in skull and neck vertebrae).
- Avoid shooting beyond 35 yards.
- Aim for the base of the featherless portion of the neck—not at the head.
- Never shoot at a flying turkey.
- Be prepared for a second shot if necessary.

## Focus on Safety

Here are a few tips to help ensure that your hunt is a safe one:

- Be certain what you see or hear is a turkey—not a decoy or person.
- Do not wear red, blue or white—the color of a gobbler's head.
- Consider wearing blaze orange when moving from place to place.
- When another hunter approaches, never wave, stand or sound a turkey call; use your voice or whistle instead.
- Avoid stalking turkeys. Use decoys with caution.
- Select calling or ambush sites with your back to a tree at least as wide as your shoulders and where you can see at least 40 yards in all directions.
- Never assume you are the only hunter in the woods.
- Be certain no one is beyond the turkey you shoot at.



# FALL 2005 Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations



2005 Turkey Stamp art by Terry Doughty

## Fall 2005 Season Dates:

### October 1 - November 9

The fall hunting season structure has changed to include 10 additional days to the original 30-day season. This will allow hunters to enjoy an extended season and increase their chances of bagging a bird.

## What's New for 2005:

- All hunters, including turkey hunters, in Deer Management Units 22A, 23, 24, 25, 27, 46, 47, 51A, 51B, 54B, 54C, 57, 57B, 59B, 59C, 59M, 60A, 60M, 61, 62A, 62B, 63A, 63B, 64, 64M, 65A, 65B, 66, 67A, 67B, 68A, 68B, 69, 74A, 77C, 77M, 80A, 80B, and 81, are required to wear at least 50% blaze orange during the antlerless only deer season October 27–30.
- **Notice: Turkey hunters in Turkey Management Zones (TMZs) 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29** – special blaze orange requirements may be in effect due to special Chronic Wasting Disease deer control seasons in these TMZs. Refer to the 2005 *Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* (which will be available in August), prior to hunting turkeys in these TMZs.
- All hunters **statewide**, including turkey hunters, are required to wear at least 50% blaze orange during the youth firearm deer hunt on Saturday, October 29.



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